

community. From 1925 until 1940, Nathan served on the Jewish Welfare Agency's Board of Directors. In 1972, he served on the Flood Recovery Committee and worked to provide assistance to victims of the Hurricane Agnes flood which devastated much of the Wyoming Valley.

Currently, Mr. Schiowitz is president of the Congregation of Ohav Zedek, and serves on the board of the Jewish Community Center. He is vice president and treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, and is also treasurer of the Jewish Community Center's Trustee Board. He has been named honorary chairman of the United Hebrew Institute and serves on Jewish Family Service Board.

Nathan Schiowitz's leadership does not stop with these positions. He also serves as the treasurer of the Ecumenical Enterprise Corporation and is operations chairman of the Meadows Nursing Home Board. He is also a member of several Masonic organizations including the Irem Temple Mystic Shrine.

For his leadership roles, Nathan has been honored extensively. He has received the Ohav Zedek Endowment Award and was recognized in 1982 by the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre USA Campaign and the United Hebrew Institution 25th Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Nathan was honored with the National Council of Jewish Federations Endowment Acknowledgement in 1986 and received a Community Service Award from the B'nai B'rith in 1988. In 1991, he was honored by Wilkes University at the dedication of the Schiowitz Hall.

With his active participation in so many organizations, Nathan Schiowitz has become an outstanding leader throughout the Wyoming Valley. His capabilities and character have resulted in the innumerable accomplishments and successes. His interaction with others has been responsible for improving the lives of so many people.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan N. Schiowitz is truly deserving of The Arthritis Foundation's 1996 Community Leader of the Year Award. On behalf of his community, I would like to thank him for all that he has done to better the lives of others, and wish him continued success in all that he does on behalf of others.

#### IN HONOR OF RUTH JERNIGAN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ms. Ruth Jernigan. She retired on April 1, 1996, after a total of 44 years of tireless service as a community and legislative advocate.

Ruth began working in 1952 at McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach, CA, where she was employed until 1978. In 1978, she began 18 years of service to the United Auto Workers [UAW] as a UAW international representative, where she has served as a coordinator for the UAW Western Region Political and Legislative Program. Her territory included part of northern California from Fresno to Oregon, the States of Oregon and Washington, and parts of northern Nevada. Her responsibilities included serving as the direct liaison between the UAW and city, county, State, and Federal

elected officials and advocating for legislative issues on behalf of UAW members, their families, and the community.

Throughout her long career, Ruth also served with distinction on several commissions. She was a commissioner for the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles where her duties included planning and developing new programs for the department. She served as a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. In this capacity, she planned and developed programs to promote women to the highest levels of management in every department of the county of Los Angeles. She also served as a commissioner for Industrial Innovation for the State of California, an organization which provides a forum for debate and policy guidance for the Governor and the legislature on the role of technical innovation in maintaining California's leadership in the Nation's economy.

Ruth was also a founding member of the 100 Black Women Organization of Los Angeles County, a member of NAACP, the Urban League, and the Black Women Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Ruth Jernigan for all of her years of dedicated service. I wish her much happiness and success in her future endeavors.

#### THANK YOU SAM GIBBONS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. Speaker, I rise not to say goodbye but say thank you to a good friend and wonderful legislator who truly cares about the people he represented in Congress. I am speaking of Congressman SAM GIBBONS from Florida who is retiring from the House of representatives. I am sad to see him leave because I know how much he helped and how much he gave of his time to make sure that everyone in his district and in the Nation was heard.

He is a true public servant who worked to better his district in the State of Florida and the Nation as a whole. His 30-plus years of dedicated service to the House of Representatives has not only made the Congress a better place, it has overwhelmingly enhanced all Members of Congress who have had the pleasure to serve with him.

Senior citizens in my district know who SAM GIBBONS is because of his stand this year on Medicare and Medicaid issues. He stood up and made his voice heard for those seniors who could not come to Congress and speak to their own Representatives.

But, in his tenure in Congress he worked diligently to make the voice of the underdog heard. His senior position as ranking member on the Ways and Means Committee gave him the ability to keep in touch with issues that matter to everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I will greatly miss SAM GIBBONS when he leaves at the end of this Congress for all his strength, power, and wisdom. Congress is losing one of its best, an American hero, and I know in some capacity SAM will continue to work for the Nation.

#### THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVOLUTION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, few pieces of legislation pass this body with the bipartisan support that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 enjoy. Last month I held a telecommunications conference in my district with the goal in mind of letting my constituents of the Sixth District of Texas know how this bill will positively change their lives for the better. I believe it is important that people understand the importance and the magnitude of this legislation. The keynote speech was delivered by the President of the National Cable Television Association, Decker Anstrom. The speech he delivered that day seemed to translate the importance of this bill quite well. I would like to respectfully submit that speech for the RECORD.

REMARKS OF NCTA PRESIDENT DECKER ANSTROM BEFORE CONGRESSMAN JOE BARTON'S CONFERENCE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

Thank you, Congressman Barton for inviting me here today. I know I speak for not just the cable industry, but for the entire communications industry, in expressing my appreciation for your unwavering commitment to telecommunications reform and for your firm determination to make it happen.

As you all probably know, Joe was quite a baseball pitcher, with a hard fastball. Now, in Washington, he's the Nolan Ryan of telecommunications, and will strike out any pointed-head regulator who dares to get in the way of competitive, deregulated markets.

It's great to be back in Texas, which, as the TV commercial says, is just like a "whole another country." Of course, Washington, DC, is its own world: 60 square miles surrounded by reality. But Texas is the real world.

In any event, it's only fitting that you should be focusing on the future of telecommunications, since telecommunications will have such a significant influence on the way we work, learn and live.

Today, you've heard from a wide range of leaders in telecommunications, representing the diverse and competitive nature of the industries. If you reflect on what they've said, there's little doubt that we're entering a period of significant change—and great opportunity.

Indeed, it's not an exaggeration to say that we are entering a revolutionary time in American telecommunications.

What I'd like to try to do this afternoon is to put this revolution a little broader context by asking the question: what forces have come together to shape the telecommunications revolution now underway? And to try to answer the most important question: what will this revolution mean for communities, families and businesses?

So, let me start with the first question: why a revolution now?

I'd point to three major factors: dramatic changes in technology; dramatic changes in consumer demand; and the dramatic change in law and regulation.

First, technology. Now I'm no engineer. In fact, I still can't tell you how TV signals can go through a solid wall—although if it's any comfort to others in my predicament, I've asked senior engineers and they confirmed my guess: it's magic!

But I can tell you that the competitive opportunities you heard about this morning